



***Congratulations!***

**FY2002 Batch 3 Competition**  
**PROJECT KICKOFF**  
**MEETING**

**Date of Kickoff goes here**

**Company(ies) Name(s) go here**  
Award Number 70NANBxxxxxx



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***Project Management Team (PMT)***

**Project Manager**

***Name***

Phone Number

*Email address*

**Business Specialist or Technical Specialist**

***Name***

Phone Number

*Email address*

**Grants/Cooperative Agreement Specialist**

***Name***

Phone Number

*Email address*



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## *Today's Goals*

- Meet team and establish communications
- Discuss key factors for success
  - ATP project management process
  - Grants processes and requirements
  - Project plans and objectives
  - Year 1 technical milestones
  - Commercialization plans and business goals
- Understand how ATP project fits with long-term goals of company



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## *ATP's Comments*

- **Background**
  - NIST and ATP: who we are
  - Understanding ATP's perspective
  - Intellectual property
  - FY2002 competition status and results to date
- Establishing Expectations
  - Project management and planning
  - Managing change
  - Reporting requirements
  - Human and animal subjects research
  - Closeout procedures



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## *NIST's Mission ...*

Develop and promote measurement, standards, and technology to enhance productivity, facilitate trade, and improve the quality of life.



*Helping America Measure Up*

- 3,000 employees
- 1,600 associates
- \$771 million FY04 operating budget
- NIST Laboratories: *National measurement standards*
- Advanced Technology Program: *\$2,114 million co-funding with industry since 1990*
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership: *400 centers nationwide to help small manufacturers*
- Baldrige National Quality Award



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## *ATP's Mission*

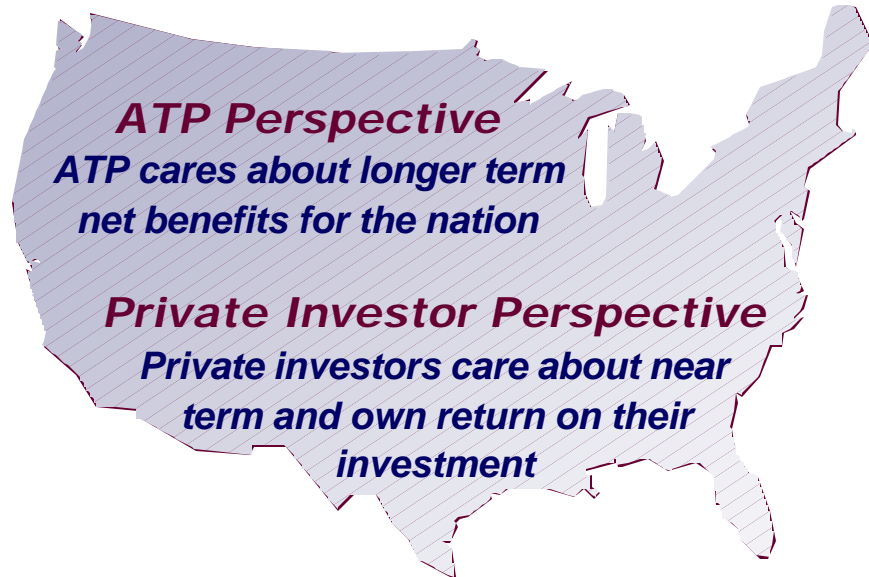
*To accelerate the development of  
innovative technologies for  
broad national benefit through  
partnerships with the private sector.*



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## *National Economic Benefits*



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## *Two Major Criteria*

- Scientific and Technological Merit (**50%**)
  - Technical innovation
  - High technical risk with evidence of feasibility
  - Detailed technical plan
- Potential for Broad-Based Economic Benefits (**50%**)
  - National economic benefits
  - Need for ATP funding
  - Pathway to economic benefits



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## *Intellectual Property: Protection*

- ATP protects your intellectual property
- Proprietary technical and business reports/information is exempt from FOIA
- Mark all documents “proprietary”
- E-mail may not be secure



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## *Intellectual Property Provisions*

- U.S. for-profits may retain title to inventions
- Companies may license inventions
- Universities/non-profits:
  - may receive royalties
  - cannot own title
  - cannot be granted exclusive license to inventions
- Any recipient may hold copyright or trademark
- Government reserves right to paid up, royalty-free non-exclusive license for government use
  - not exercised to date



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## *Fourteen Years of Innovation*

- Since 1990, 43 competitions
  - 6,054 proposals, \$12,969 M requested from ATP
- 736 projects awarded
  - 1,468 participants, > 1,500 subcontractors
- 211 joint ventures and 525 single applicants
- \$4,234 M of high-risk research funded
  - ATP Share = \$2,189 M
  - Industry Share = \$2,045 M



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## *Fourteen Years of Innovation (cont'd)*

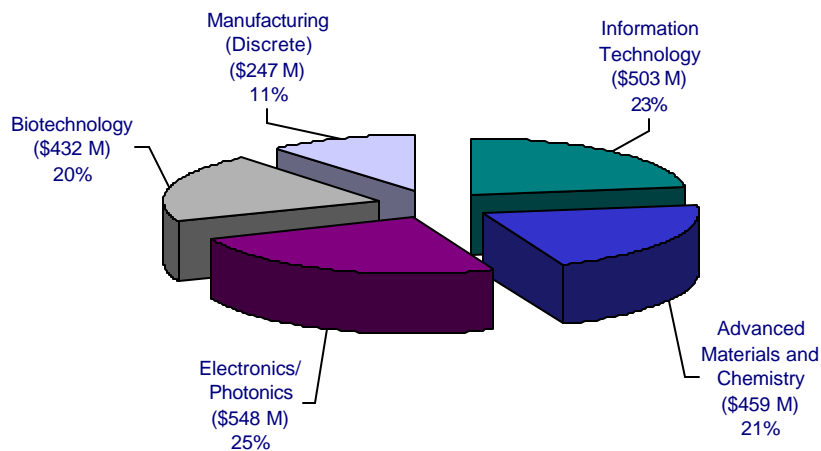
- Small businesses are thriving
  - 66% of projects led by small businesses
    - 410 single company applicants, 74 joint ventures
    - \$1,154 M in ATP funding
- Over 169 universities represented
  - >639 participation instances, ~\$198 M received
- 30 national laboratories participate
- Over 1,170 patents



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## ***736 ATP Awards by Technology Area (As a Percent of \$2,189 M Awarded)***



Forty Three Competitions (1990 – May 2004)



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## ***FY2002 Batch 3 Competition Results***

- 467 proposals submitted
- 69 awards
  - 11 joint ventures
  - 58 single companies
  - \$296 M total funding
    - \$172 M ATP funds
    - \$124 M industry cost share
  - \$2.5 M average award size



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## *ATP's Comments*

- Getting Started

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# Project Management and Planning



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## *Project Management Objectives*

- Maintain fidelity to original proposal and cooperative agreement governing the award
- Continued fidelity of project to its original merit against ATP selection criteria
- Monitor progress through reports and other communications
- Monitor technological and business environments
- Company makes all business decisions



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## *ATP Project Management Team Roles*

- Project Manager
  - Provides general oversight and PM functions
  - Ensures that the project is executed in accordance with the proposal and the award
  - Recommends appropriate actions to NIST Grants Officer
  - Reviews technical reports and progress against milestones
- Business Specialist
  - Reviews business and commercialization issues
  - Follows diffusion strategy of results beyond commercialization path
- NIST Grants/Cooperative Agreement Specialist
  - Performs cooperative agreement administration
  - Issues final prior approval for changes (Grants Officer)



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## *Recipient Project Team*

- Needs to be well integrated team
- Ensures technical and business personnel work together to accomplish long term commercialization goals
- PI must be familiar with terms and conditions of award, not just the contract administrator



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## *Project Management Tools*

- Site visits
  - Kickoff, annual, and close-out meetings
  - Additional meetings, as needed or requested
- Technical and business reports
- Audits
- Open communications
  - phone, email, etc.
- Long-term evaluation



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## *Project Milestones*

- Essential element for measuring progress:
  - Define qualitatively and quantitatively what it means to overcome technical barriers
  - Integrate efforts of project tasks
  - Advance state of the technology
  - Describe project's achievements
  - Provide foundation for reporting project activities and accomplishments



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## *Project Milestones (cont'd)*

- How ATP uses milestones:
  - Encapsulates scope and merit of original goals
  - Helps in assessment and comparison of alternative pathways
  - Supports flexibility in project by defining critical project decision points
  - Provides foundation for decision point analysis



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## *Annual Meetings*

- Comparison of previous year's accomplishments to milestones
- Comparison of budget vs. progress
- Problems/challenges/opportunities
- Review of technology in light of domestic and global advances in technology and market changes
- Commercialization and market developments
- Establish and achieve mutual understanding of technical milestones and business plans for upcoming year



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## *Project Continuations*

- Timeline
  - Obligation of next year's funds
    - can occur 1 - 2 quarters before continuation date
  - Authorization to spend next year's funds
    - close to actual continuation date
- Requires
  - Prompt submission of complete technical and business reports, and budget changes
  - Approval of revision of any project elements that may change (i.e., tasks, budget)



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# Managing Change



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## *Change Happens!*

- Change is to be expected in conducting innovative, high risk research
- Keep ATP Project Manager and Grants Specialist informed of possible changes
- ATP encourages change that strengthens the project against the ATP selection criteria and makes project success more likely, without unduly diminishing technical risk



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## *What Kind of Change Matters and Why Does Reporting it Matter?*

- Any change in the project that can significantly impact the relationship between the project and ATP's criteria and/or the terms and conditions of the award
- Costs may be disallowed if prior written approval is not obtained
- Eligibility may be affected
- Recipient proceeds "*at your own risk*" prior to approval



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## *We Need to Talk When a Change Could Impact...*

- Milestones, decision points, plans, and task timeline
- Risk profile (increases/decreases too much)
- Commercialization plan and national economic benefits
- Budget
- Human and/or animal subjects protocols
- Changes to joint venture participants
- Company ownership, control, or name



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## *Change in Name or Ownership*

- Report any change in name or ownership to your Grants Specialist in writing within 15 days after the change becomes legally effective
- Grants Specialist will provide samples of documents needed
- If you are no longer majority U.S.-owned or controlled, a foreign eligibility finding will be required by ATP
- Refer to “ATP Eligibility Criteria for U.S. Subsidiaries of Foreign-Owned Companies: Legislation, Implementation, and Results”

[<www.atp.nist.gov/eao/ir-6099contents.htm>](http://www.atp.nist.gov/eao/ir-6099contents.htm)



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## *Written Prior Approval Required for...*

- Change in technical plan/tasks/approach from approved proposal
- Transfer of funds among direct cost categories >10% of total annual approved budget
- Key personnel changes
- Sole source subcontracts over \$100K
- Addition, withdrawal, or substitution of:
  - Subcontractors
  - Joint venture participants
- Change in organizational structure, mergers, acquisitions, new foreign ownership or control, bankruptcy protection
- Changes to JV agreements
- Name change
- Involvement of human and/or animal subjects



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## *Managing Change*

- Identify potential or actual change and notify ATP and the NIST Grants Specialist early and in writing
- Pursue consistent and auditable decision making
  - simplifies project audits re: prior approval/appropriateness
  - protects award recipient from being at risk for costs
  - maintains peer-reviewed merit of projects
  - enables ATP to correctly track all project benefits
- Change should result in a project that is equivalent or stronger against ATP's criteria



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## **Reporting Requirements**



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## *Reporting During Award*

- Technical Reports
  - Quarterly reports
  - Final technical report
- Financial Reports
- Formatted Business Reports



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## *Reports Are Used for ...*

- Project monitoring
- Continuations
- Documenting project changes
- Short- and long-term evaluation



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## *Quarterly Technical Report*

- Due within 30 days after end of each calendar quarter
  - reports due NLT: April 30, July 31, October 31, January 31
  - reporting periods: Jan - Mar, Apr - June, Jul - Sept and Oct - Dec
- Prepared by PI with input from R&D team
- Submit original report to Grants Specialist
- Submit two copies of report to ATP Project Manager
  - ATP PM will make further distribution to ATP Business Specialist
- Last quarterly report due 30 days following award end date



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## *Technical Report Content*

- Executive Summary
  - Brief statement of project and its end objectives
  - Significant accomplishments during reporting quarter
  - Perspective on status of project in terms of final technical and business objectives
- Project Objectives
- Project Baseline
  - Assess technology at start of project to current state of art
  - Status of technology at large; within team
    - Allows for future assessment of project progress
- Technical Milestones
  - Key remaining ones for the year



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## *Technical Report Content (cont'd)*

- Technical progress and impact
  - Report against milestones and metrics
  - Technical findings in reporting quarter and implications for future progress
  - Gantt chart helpful
  - Identify work and progress of each participant (including subcontractors)
- Problems or opportunities
- Potential project changes (technical or business)
- Highlight any business developments of interest
  - Include this info in business quarterly short-form report



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## *Business Reports*

- ATP's Economic Assessment Office (EAO) notifies recipient of business reporting requirements
- EAO explains on-line reporting system
- Each recipient receives a company-specific password for on-line submission



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## *Business Reports (cont'd)*

- EAO sends formatted reports to recipients to complete on-line, including:
  - Baseline report
  - Anniversary reports
  - Quarterly short-form reports
  - Close-out report
  - Post-project reports (currently telephone survey)



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## *Business Reporting On-line: Baseline, Anniversary, Closeout*

- ATP recipients file following reports on-line via ATP web-based system
  - Baseline reports
    - due within 30 days after end of first calendar quarter
  - Anniversary reports
    - due within 30 days after the end of anniversary quarter
  - Closeout reports
    - due within 90 days after project end



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## ***Business Reporting: Quarterly Short-Form Reports***

- One page document
  - due 30 days after 2nd, 3rd and 4th calendar quarters
  - submit by hard copy, fax, or email
- Recipient will review and update organization, address, telephone, and contact information
- Recipient will report significant business developments occurring during quarter



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## ***Business Report Content***

- General company information
- Business goals and objectives
- Target application areas
- Commercialization strategies
- Collaboration experiences and activities
- Strategies for IP protection and diffusion
- Progress towards commercialization
- Short- and long-term economic impacts



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## Business Report Content (cont'd)

- Update on competitive factors
  - Company's position relative to major competitors
  - Current status of the technology (for project baselining)
  - Major cost and/or performance drivers
  - Project fit within company's strategic vision
- Future investment plans



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Key: = web T = Telephone

## Summary of ATP Business Reporting System

- Brevity is built in
- Confidential-participant level of information
- Comprehensive

### Reporting Schedule

Baseline Quarterly Annual Close-out Post Project

- Business Plans
  - Identification of applications
  - Strategies for commercialization, protection of IP, and dissemination of non-proprietary information
- Significant business developments
- Update of business plan and progress
  - Products, processes, and licensing activity
- Collaboration experiences
- Attraction of new funding
- New IP
- Technology diffusion
- Company financial data
- Next 5 years – Technical & Business Goals
- Effects outside your organization



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# Human and Animal Subjects Research



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## *General Information*

- Carefully read the ATP publication entitled  
***“Guidelines and Documentation  
Requirements for Research Involving  
Human and Animal Subjects”***

[<www.atp.nist.gov/atp/kit-04/has\\_guide/contents.htm>](http://www.atp.nist.gov/atp/kit-04/has_guide/contents.htm)

- To request copy, call 1-800-ATP-FUND



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## *Human Subjects Research Examples*

- **Bodily materials** such as cells, blood, urine, tissues, hair, organs, even if you did not collect the materials
- **Humans to test research output** such as products, software usability, human-machine interfaces or materials
- **Data collected** through intervention or interaction with individuals, including data from voice, video, digital or image recordings made for research purposes
- **Private information or data** that can be readily identified with an individual, including genetic information, medical records, worker surveillance studies, even if you did not collect the information
- **Human studies** involving categories or classes of subjects such as certain types of workers in an organization



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## *Human Subjects Regulations*

- NIST requires full compliance with all Presidential Orders, Federal guidelines, regulations and policies
- Human Subject Protection regulations for DOC are found at **15 CFR Part 27**
- Regulations for the protected classes are found at **45 CFR 46 Subpart B, C and D**



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## *Human Subjects Approvals*

- All research involving human subjects must be approved by NIST prior to beginning
- All non-exempt research must be reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB)



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## *Human Subjects Exemptions*

- NIST may grant exemptions for research involving human subjects
- Exemptions typically fall into three categories:
  - Normal educational practices in an established or commonly accepted educational setting
    - 15 CFR 27.101(b)(1)
  - Surveys, interviews, observation of **public behaviors** (unless people can be identified *and* information disclosure poses risk to the individual)
    - 15 CFR 27.101(b)(2)
  - **Pre-Existing** sources of data or specimens (if publicly available or subjects are not identifiable)
    - 15 CFR 27.101(b)(4)



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## *Human Subjects Non-exempt Research*

- NIST is required to review requests for non-exempt research prior to beginning use of human subjects
- An Institutional Review Board (IRB) must review and approve research
  - NIST IRB cannot perform review
  - NIST cannot provide or recommend IRB services
- The IRB reviewing the research must have an assurance on file with OHRP
  - Multiple Project Assurance (MPA)
  - Federal-wide Assurance (FWA)



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## *Human Subjects Deferred*

- Previously deferred research involving human subjects is allowed to begin only after NIST has reviewed and approved the research
- Depending on the type of research, follow the guidelines and documentation requirements



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## *Animal Subjects Assurances/Certifications*

- Each institution housing and caring for live animals must have and maintain at least one of the following:
  - USDA Certification
  - Animal Welfare Assurance (OLAW/AWA)
  - AAALAC Accreditation



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## *Animal Subjects Approvals*

- All Animal Study Protocols (ASP's) must have IACUC review and approval prior to beginning research involving animals
- A copy of the approved ASP, the IACUC approval letter and assurance/certification documentation must be submitted to ATP and approved by NIST in advance of using live animals



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## *Human and Animal Subjects Modifications*

- Notify ATP well in advance if changes are made to your project that involves the use of human or animal subjects
- Contact Human and Animal Subjects Advisor at (301) 975-8779 with any questions



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## **Closeout Procedures**



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## *Closeout Meeting*

- Closeout meeting held within last 30 days of award end date
  - if 30 days before, can be charged to project
  - if 30 days after, cannot be charged to project
- Review requirements for completing closeout
- Recipient project team and ATP PMT meet to review entire ATP project
- Recipient project team compares technical accomplishments against milestones
- Discuss any technical activities or remaining barriers for project success
- Discuss current business activities and keys to move project through to commercialization



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## *Final Technical Performance Report*

- Due within 90 days following award end date
- Summarize work performed during entire ATP project
- Discuss technical barriers overcome and milestones achieved
- Discuss plans to achieve any remaining technical milestones
- Review commercialization plans and partnering activities

*Last quarterly technical report  
is not the same as the  
final technical performance report!*



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## *Final Business Report*

- Due **within 90 days** after project completion
- Document business achievements during project award and discuss future plans for commercialization
- File on-line via ATP web-based business reporting system



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## *Special Economic Studies*

- Recipient to participate in a telephone interview to update commercialization activities and other impacts of project
  - Every 2 years for a total of 6 years beyond project completion
- Recipient may be asked to participate in studies conducted through ATP's EAO to:
  - Evaluate success of ATP in achieving its goal of assisting U.S. businesses in technological development to promote U.S. economic growth



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# NIST Grants Information



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## *NIST Grants and Agreements Management Division (GAMD) Administrative Highlights for a Single Recipient*

Name, Grants Specialist

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## ***NIST GAMD***

- ***Division Head***  
**Angela McNerney**
- ***Grants Officer***  
**Marilyn Goldstein**
  - ATP Awards
- ***Grants Officer***  
**Shamim Shaikh**
  - Audit Resolution
  - Policy and Procedures



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## ***Grants Officer's Core Responsibilities***

- Issue and Administer Cooperative Agreements
- Issue Amendments
  - Continuations
  - No-cost extensions
  - Key personnel changes
    - financial officer, administrator, principle investigator and/or project manager
  - Revised technical plans
  - Revised budgets, etc.
  - Approve revisions to joint ventures
  - Authorize human and animal subject research



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## *Grants Officer's Core Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Monitor Recipient Compliance with award terms & conditions
- Only Grants Officer Binds the Government and Approves Changes to the Award



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## *Recipient Responsibilities*

- Adhere to Terms and Conditions, Related Award Regulations, and Order of Precedence
  - Special Award Conditions (SACs)
  - ATP General Terms & Conditions
  - DoC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions
  - 15 CFR Part 14
  - Cost Principles
  - ATP Program-Specific Audit Guidelines



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Written Prior Approval Requirements needed for:
  - Change in technical plan/tasks/approach from approved proposal
  - Transfer of funds among direct cost categories >10% of total annual approved budget
  - Key personnel changes
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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Report Intellectual Property
- Report Changes in Use of Equipment
- Timely Submission of:
  - Quarterly technical, business and financial reports
  - Final technical, business and financial reports
  - Final patent reports
  - Final equipment inventory
  - Audits



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Standards for Financial Management
  - Time tracking system
    - employee time records
    - cost center(s) for project



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Procurement Standards
  - Written procedures
  - Competitive procurements
  - Sole source justification
  - Document each procurement or contract
- Keep all Records for Audit Purposes



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Budgets
  - Review costs at end of each budget period
  - Submit revised line item budget and budget narrative (Budget Data)
  - Conduct audit using approved budget



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- Audits
  - Frequency based upon length of project
  - Who gets audited?
    - recipient
    - R&D subcontracts > \$300K over entire award



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## *Recipient Responsibilities (cont'd)*

- **Responsibilities of Administrator**
  - **Central Point of Contact**
  - **Request prior approval for changes**
  - **Administer** budget revisions, 10% rule, continuations
  - **Withdraw funds using ASAP**
  - **Submit** accounting certifications, as appropriate
  - **Submit** timely audits
  - **Ensure** cost-share is met, if applicable
  - **Resolve** special award contingencies in timely manner, if applicable
  - **Submit** close-out documentation



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## *Common Audit Problems*

- Inadequate documentation
- Failure to obtain prior approval at all, or starting action before approval is obtained
- Late notice of changes
- Activities outside scope of work
- Varying interpretation of rules
- Lack of written policies and procedures in accordance with 15 CFR 14.21 (financial management system)



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## *Common Audit Problems (cont'd)*

- Estimated costs billed vs. actual
- Issues with valuation of in-kind cost-sharing
- Lack of proper accounting for equipment and depreciation
- Lack of timely reporting
- Failure to comply with award terms and conditions
- Indirect costs (estimates vs. actual)
- Labor cost estimates/average vs. actual



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## *How to Avoid Audit Problems*

- Be familiar with applicable cost principles
- Be familiar with ATP Proposal Preparation Kit
- Be familiar with award terms and conditions
- Expend funds in accordance with approved budget
- Seek written prior approval, when necessary
- Account and report for actual project expenses



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## *How to Avoid Audit Problems (cont'd)*

- Maintain required documentation
- ATP project managers make recommendations to Grants Officer
- Grants Officer is the only Authorizing Official
- Avoid last minute budget changes
- Obtain independent CPA advice
- Prepare financial statement in accordance with GAAP



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## *Grants/Cooperative Agreements (An Honors Process)*

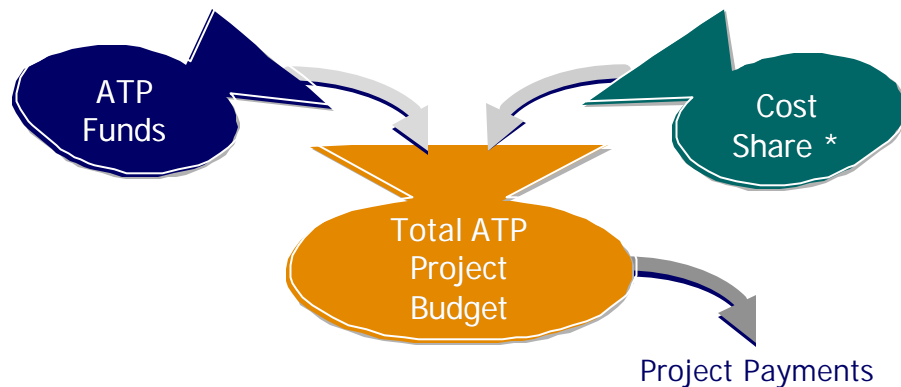
- Most recipients accomplish project goals with no problems
- Most problems are honest mistakes
- Non-intentional or intentional wrong-doing is discovered
- Enforcement
  - 15 CFR 14.61 and 15 CFR 14.62
  - 15 CFR 24.43 and 15 CFR 24.44



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## *Relationship Between Cost Share and ATP Funds*



**Cost Sharing or matching means that portion of project or program costs not borne by the Federal Government**



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## *Method of Payment to Recipient*

- Withdrawals through ASAP to meet immediate needs
  - *note:* name change will affect ASAP withdrawals if name change amendment is not issued
- Financial Reports
  - SF-269 submitted on calendar quarter
  - SF-272 submitted to reconcile advanced funds in accordance with 15 CFR 14.52



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